



Just and Democratic

U.S. government assistance to Uganda supports the creation of a just and democratic system of governance that ensures the voices of all citizens are heard and respected. Our programs focus on building the capacity of civil society actors to advocate on behalf of their fellow Ugandans, especially those who traditionally face neglect or discrimination – such as women, LGBT individuals, ethnic and religious minorities, and persons with disabilities. We also work with those interested in holding elected officials accountable, increasing government transparency, and combatting corruption. Our assistance supports efforts to uphold the rule of law by training judges and others to protect human rights. In addition, U.S. funding last year provided training to domestic and international election observers, as well as to Ugandan political parties, to help promote a free and fair electoral process. We also fund a variety of training programs for Ugandan journalists to improve their reporting skills, protect freedoms of the press and expression, and foster greater public access to information.

Total U.S. government assistance
to promote a more just and
democratic Uganda

\$10.3 million

UGX **35** billion





Assistance Focus Areas

- ▶ Rule of Law and Human Rights
- ▶ Good Governance and Anti-Corruption
- ▶ Free and Fair Elections
- ▶ Media Training

Key Results

- ▶ **More than 100 Village Savings and Loans Associations established** nationwide, increasing incomes for nearly 2,000 caregivers.
- ▶ **Nearly two dozen female judges trained** on the issues of human rights and judicial independence.
- ▶ **More than 500 Ugandan journalists** participated in U.S.-funded training programs.
- ▶ Education and skills training programs assisted.



SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

African Youth Empowerment Development Initiative

U.S.-supported programs like the African Youth Empowerment Development Initiative (AYEDI) are providing young Ugandans like Gerald Ntale the opportunity to transition away from hazardous forms of employment and benefit from skills training and education. Such efforts are keeping Gerald, and hundreds of other young Ugandans, safe from potential trafficking and exploitation.

After laboring in the sand mining industry, Gerald joined his local AYEDI club in Kikunya, Iganga District. There he learned motorcycle repair skills that enabled him to gain full-time employment at the Double Solution Motorcycle Garage.

AYEDI is giving Gerald, and other youth like him, the opportunity to build a productive and prosperous future.

